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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (original) A pivoting cargo platform, for use in the cargo area of a vehicle, in cooperative combination comprising:

a cargo platform base having a substantially rectangular shape having four corners; and

a pivoting joint mounted at one corner of said cargo platform base and said pivoting joint capable of also being mounted to a vehicle cargo area floor; thereby providing a cargo platform that pivots from a storage position to a loading/unloading position.

Claim 2 (original) The invention as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said cargo platform base has a platform support member mounted opposite said pivoting joint.

Claim 3 (original) The invention as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said cargo platform base has a pull strap mounted opposite said pivoting joint.

Claim 4 (original) The invention as claimed in Claim 2 wherein, said cargo platform base has a pull strap mounted opposite said pivoting joint.

Claim 5 (original) The invention as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said cargo platform base and said pivoting joint are composed of a plastic capable of vacuum forming.

Claim 6 (original) The invention as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said cargo platform base and said pivoting joint are composed of a plastic capable of injection molding.

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Claim 7 (original) The invention as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said pivoting joint portion mounted on said cargo platform base is molded as an integral part of said cargo platform base.

Claim 8 (original) The invention as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said pivoting joint comprises a pair of plastic pivot mounting brackets joined together by a metal pivot pin.

Claim 9 (original) The invention as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said pivoting cargo platform is permanently mounted to said vehicle cargo area.

Claim 10 (original) The invention as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said pivoting cargo platform is removably mounted to said vehicle cargo area.

Claim 11 (original) The invention as claimed in Claim 10 wherein, said pivoting cargo platform is removably mounted to a removable floor panel.

Claim 12 (original) The invention as claimed in Claim 10 wherein, said removable mounting being accomplished using a C-type clamp having a screw-type tightening mechanism.